

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT**

**Please replace the Abstract with the following rewritten Abstract:**

A system for starting up a flowline suitable for conveying hydrocarbons is provided. The said flowline being is extended over the seabed from a wellhead and terminated terminating at a joint end. The joint end is suitable for connection to a subsea riser extended in a catenary. The flowline is able to stretch and a [ A ] lock fixes the joint end with respect to the seabed for maintaining the flowline in its stretched position, and preventing its return movement.